

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

TITLE: "Capacity Building and Technical Assistance on Clean and Efficient Cooking Practices"

ACTION: Request for Applications (RFA)

RFA No: EPA-OAR-ORIA-11-09

CFDA: 66.034

SUMMARY: Formal Agency responses to questions regarding the subject RFA

DATE: August 26, 2011

Q1: Are non-profit organizations outside of the United States eligible to apply for this cooperative agreement funding?

A2: Yes, international non-profit and profit institutions and international universities are considered international organizations and are eligible to apply for this funding announcement.

Q2: Will EPA fund an organization to support capacity building on clean and efficient cooking practices in one specific country or region?

A2: No. As stated in the RFA, EPA anticipates awarding one cooperative agreement to provide capacity building, technical assistance and information exchange among the hundreds of organizations working collectively in Asia, Africa and Latin America to increase the use of clean, efficient and affordable cooking practices. See Section I.B. for more information on the **global** nature of this scope of work. EPA will not award an organization to provide capacity building and technical assistance in one specific country or region under this funding announcement. Applicants must demonstrate experience and positive outcomes in increasing the exchange of technical and programmatic information, capacity and action among the global household energy and health sectors.

Q3: Will the EPA consider an application for a technology that reduced indoor air pollution but is related to lighting and solar rechargers instead of clean and efficient cooking practices? The technology addresses the concerns in the RFA.

A3: While promoting solar charges for lighting does reduce indoor air pollution, it is outside the scope of this RFA which is promoting "effective approaches to increase the use of clean, reliable, affordable, efficient and safe home cooking and heating practices."

In the RFA under Section I- Funding Opportunity Description, Sub section B - Scope of work, it states "EPA is requesting applications from eligible entities to increase the exchange of technical and programmatic information among organizations working in the global household energy and health sectors and facilitate the identification and promotion of effective approaches to increase the use of clean, reliable, affordable, efficient and safe home cooking and heating practices. Activities will increase the capacity of public and private sector organizations working in Asia, Africa and Latin

America to identify effective approaches, share lessons learned, and more rapidly assimilate insights and innovations from around the world."

Q4: How would we contact or get access to such organizations which might be willing to work with us?

A4: Since 2002, EPA has worked through the Partnership for Clean Indoor Air (PCIA) to provide capacity building, technical assistance and information exchange among nearly 500 organizations working in Asia, Africa and Latin America to increase the use of clean, efficient and affordable cooking practices. You can learn more about this work and partnering organizations on the PCIA website at www.PCIAonline.org. In response to your request for a list of U.S.-based organizations, the PCIA website has a Partner Search page where you can identify U.S.-based organizations working on this issue. It includes their contact information in the event you want to contact them regarding possible collaboration on this RFA. There are no specific accredited organizations with whom we work. See Section III for eligibility information. Applications will be evaluated using the criteria outlined in Section V.

Q5: Will a table of contents and acronym list be considered as part of the 10 page limit of the narrative?

A5: Yes, including the table of contents and an acronym list would be counted as part of the 10-page limit of the narrative because it is neither requested nor required, and it would also not be considered supporting materials.